Martha C. Nussbaum is an influential scholar and passionate advocate for justice and equality around the world.

As an educator, she teaches students the value of engaging with problems through multiple disciplines. As a scholar, she has expanded contemporary knowledge of classical literature and philosophy. And as a public intellectual, she has demonstrated the centrality of the humanities to our society.

Today, we recognize Martha Nussbaum as a champion of two principles that are central to Bucknell’s purpose: the indispensable worth of the liberal arts and the unalienable right of human dignity.

Whereas she is an exemplary scholar and teacher committed to the liberal arts mission; whereas her ideas have influenced others in numerous disciplines and professions, including in the fight against ignorance and poverty across the globe; and whereas she has been a resolute advocate for education, democracy and justice, Bucknell University is hereby proud to present, before the Class of 2010, the honorary degree Doctor of Literary Letters to Martha C. Nussbaum.

Brian C. Mitchell, President